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SENATOR SWITALSKI APPLAUDS \$3 MILLION INVESTMENT IN MACOMB COUNTY ROADS

Switalski: "Governor's efforts result in improved roads, more jobs, and better quality of life."

LANSING -- Senator Mickey Switalski (D-Roseville) today applauded the announcement of \$3 million in state road improvement funding which will M59 (Hall Road) from Crooks Road to Ryan Road. The decision to move forward this year with the projects came as a result of Governor Granholm's Transportation and Economic Development package announced yesterday.

"This is just tremendous news for the Macomb County area," Sen. Switalski said. "Anyone driving Hall Road at rush hour knows the definition of a bottleneck. These improvements will provide a great relief."

The Governor's transportation agreement will create 7,000 jobs by addressing transportation and economic development needs of communities statewide. This plan also facilitates more than \$400 million in road programs outlined in the Governor's Local Jobs Today initiative, which for the first time grants state funds to local communities for investments to match federal dollars.

Key components of the plan also include changes to the FY06 transportation budget that will restore \$1 million to Amtrak; legislation that allows communities to ask voters to approve mass transit projects; and a \$15 million boost for Travel Michigan to market the state to out-of-state travelers.

"Today's announcement is about driving job creation in Michigan and paving the way for growth all across our state," said Governor Granholm. "From going anywhere and doing anything to attract jobs Michigan, to investing in the infrastructure that supports commerce, we have a targeted economic road map and it's moving Michigan in the right direction."

"Not only will we see improvements to local and area roads, we will be creating job opportunities with every one of the approved projects," Sen. Switalski said. "The entire state wins with these initiatives."